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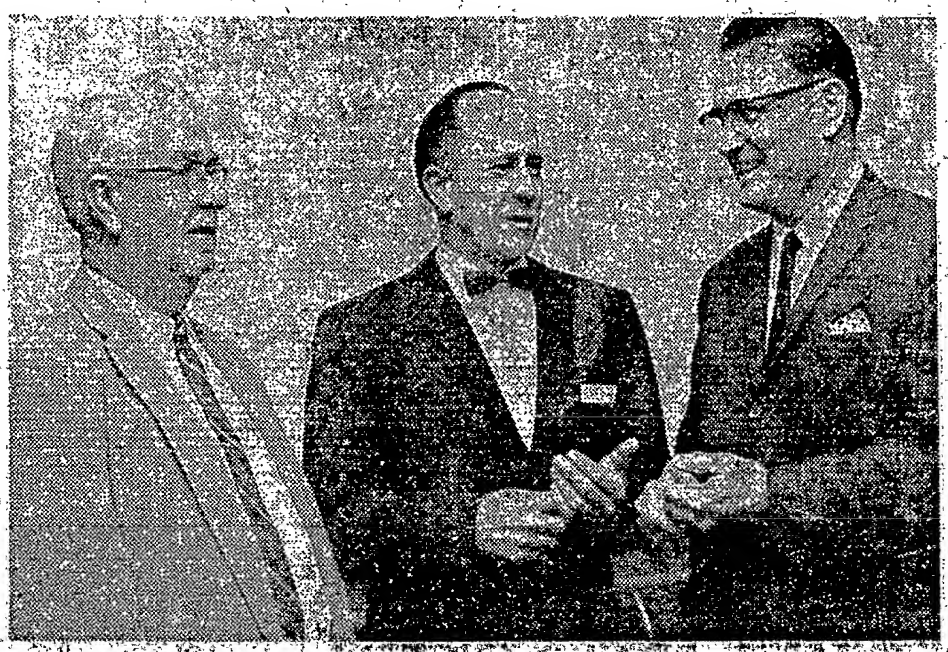
Union Springs Pastor Urges Churches To Refuse Funds To National Council



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SPEAKER AT RALLY — The Rev. Haywood L. Scott (center), pastor of the Southern Methodist Church at Union Springs, Ala., told of the withdrawal of his church from the Alabama-West Florida Methodist Conference at a Mobile County Citizens Council rally Thursday night at the Sage Avenue Armory. With the Rev. Scott in the picture are the Rev. Roy G. Simmons (left), pastor of the Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church at Mobile, and B. C. Powell, chairman of the board of directors of the Mobile County Citizens Council.

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By JOHN WILL
Register Staff Reporter

The Rev. Haywood L. Scott, pastor of the Southern Methodist Church at Union Springs, Ala., which withdrew from the Alabama-West Forida Methodist Conference last November, urged in a Mobile address Thursday night that church members should refuse to give financial support to the National Council of Churches.

Speaking at a Mobile County Citizens Council rally at the Sage Avenue Armory, the Rev. Scott declared that the National Council of Churches "claims to speak for 40 million Christians in 33 denominations but the church members themselves have never voted approval of the Council of Churches."

He charged the National Council of Churches with seeking to force its ideas on the affiliated denominations, and he said "it needs to have its power checked."

'CUT OFF MONEY'

"The way to do it," he added, "is to cut off the money."

The minister told an audience estimated at 600 people that "we can't prove anyone is a Communist but we know that people are being used as fellow travelers or dupes and this is a sad situation in the field of religion."

The Rev. Scott related events which led to the action of the Union Springs Methodist Church in severing its connection with the Alabama-West Florida Conference.

"It began more than two years ago," he said, "when we started an intensive prayer movement in our church. When the decision was finally made, it brought peace to our hearts and souls."

He referred to a recent Alabama Supreme Court ruling denying a temporary injunction sought by officials of the Alabama-West Florida Conference to prevent the separated congregation from continuing to use the church property and remarked that "there will be further court action until the matter is decided."

"But I can assure you," the Rev. Scott said, "that if they finally succeed in taking this property away from us, we will still be loyal to our conception and belief in God. We are tired of being called on to support causes we are not in sympathy with. I am only sorry that I didn't make this move years ago."

The Rev. Scott called for loyalty to all the "fundamentals" of faith and he stated that "the apostasy in the modern church is tragic with many of the young ministers denying the fundamentals."

The Union Springs pastor proclaimed his belief in racial segregation as "intended by God as a way of life" and he cited portions of Scripture in support of this belief. In this connection, he accused the World Council of Churches as taking the stand that "any member who believes in segregation is un-Christian."

He concluded by denouncing the Civil Rights Bill now before Congress as "going even beyond what President Kennedy wanted."

"The time has come," he told his hearers, "for the people of the South to tell the federal government to stop meddling in racial matters and to let the government know that we will handle these matters ourselves."

Arthur Benjamin, chairman of the Mobile County Citizens Council, presided and the Rev. Roy G. Simmons, pastor of the Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church, introduced the speaker. The Rev. Billy Bruner, pastor of the Wesley Evangelical Methodist Church, gave the opening prayer.

A. D. Evans, representing International Christian Youth, appealed for signatures to petitions asking for amendment of the U.S. Constitution to authorize prayer and Bible reading in public institutions.

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Judge Says Bill Is End To Freedom

By JOHN WILL
Register Staff Reporter

Judge Leander H. Perez, Louisiana states rights leader, declared in a Mobile address Friday night that the Civil Rights Bill now awaiting U.S. Senate action "would deprive the American people of the last vestige of freedom."

He contended that passage of the bill would be a "big step toward setting up a world government which would be Communist-dominated."

Judge Perez, who has been district attorney for the judicial circuit comprising Plaquemines and St. Bernard Parishes (Counties) bordering New Orleans since 1924, was the principal speaker at a Mobile County Citizens Council rally at the Sage Avenue Armory. The audience was estimated at between 400 and 500 persons.

The states rights spokesman began his talk by advising the Citizens Council members that their immediate objective should be to gain more recruits "for unless you overtake the Negro bloc vote, you are helpless."

He asserted that "Stalin rose to power on the very type of thing they are trying to inflict on the American people."

Stalin," he said, "prohibited discrimination on account of race and he eventually had his thumb on every working man. And the bill they are trying to pass now would mean that a federal 'Gestapo' would be needed to enforce it."

Judge Perez charged that the equal employment opportunity section of the bill "would give the federal government control of every job in private industry in this country" and that the public accommodations section would open the way for "every coffee shop and barber shop in the land to be controlled by Washington."

He attacked the portion of the bill dealing with public schools and argued that it would give the attorney general the right to file suit against every school board to integrate every public school in America."

"What are the educational opportunities of white children in integrated schools?" he asked. "Experience at Washington, D.C., has shown that when schools are integrated, the proportion of Negro students goes up and the white proportion diminishes. School integration means depriving our white children of their educational opportunities."

Judge Perez professed to see strong evidence of Communist infiltration in the integration movement and he gave his opinion that many organizations supporting integration agitation are desirous of seeing Communist-dominated world government established.

He told his hearers that this is what is in store for us if we don't straighten out things at Washington."

"Our only hope," he concluded, "is to turn the United States back to constitutional government and the first step is for the people of the South to wake up and stand together and oppose these forces which are seeking to destroy our country."

George Singelmann, who was introduced as the originator of the "Reverse Freedom Rider" movement at New Orleans, informed the assemblage that when the Civil Rights Bill debate gets started in the Senate, "we intend to send a man and women and 18 children to camp in Senator Humphrey's office."

Arthur Benjamin, chairman of the Mobile County Citizens Council, presided and made an opening statement in which he praised The Mobile Press Register for a current series of articles on the Civil Rights Bill and also for editorial opposition to the bill.

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CITIZENS COUNCIL LEADERS — Judge Leander H. Perez (center), Louisiana States Rights leader, was the principal speaker at a public meeting sponsored by the Mobile County Citizens Council at the Sage Avenue Armory Friday night. Others in the picture are George Singelmann (left), who started the "Reverse Freedom Rider" movement at New Orleans, and Leonard Wilson, Jasper, Ala., executive secretary of the Citizens Councils of Alabama.

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cc - Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Baumgardner
Mr. Williams

SAC, Atlanta

December 13, 1956

Director, FBI

~~PERSONAL ATTENTION~~

CITIZENS COUNCILS
~~INTERNAL SECURITY - X~~

Although reports have been submitted to the Department on all citizens councils concerning which we have conducted investigations and inquiries to date, the Department has indicated the activities of these organizations do not fall within the purview of Executive Order 10450. In view of this fact, there is no basis upon which to base justification for further inquiry. Therefore, you are instructed to immediately discontinue inquiries concerning all citizens councils upon receipt of this letter. It is your responsibility to also immediately notify auxiliary offices of the discontinuance of the investigation.

In order that the Bureau may continue to carry out its responsibilities of keeping interested Government agencies informed of information of interest to them, you must continue your efforts to keep abreast of developments in order that the Bureau may be apprised of any situation which indicates a potential for violence. In obtaining information, however, absolutely no inquiries are to be made by you. You must secure the desired information through close scrutiny of the public press plus whatever information may be volunteered to you.

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NOTE ON YELLOW: See memo Belmont to Boardman, 12-13-56, FJB:CFW:gft, same caption.

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With respect to the use of confidential informants, I want it clearly understood that no informant is to be given any assignment in connection with obtaining information regarding the activities of citizens councils without prior Bureau authority. If you have a confidential informant already reporting on citizens councils matters you may continue to accept information volunteered by the informant but you must not give him any additional assignments in this field. If you feel it is necessary for some specific reason to continue an informant in a particular citizens council you must immediately advise the Bureau, together with the identity of the informant, his reliability and your assurance that continued operation of the informant will not result in any embarrassment to the Bureau.

Each office receiving copies of this letter must submit to the Bureau a monthly summary of information concerning the activities of citizens councils in your respective territories. The first such letter is to be submitted to reach the Bureau by January 15, 1957, and each succeeding letter must be submitted to reach the Bureau by the fifteenth of each month. This summary, which shall consist of an original and seven copies, must be submitted in memorandum form suitable for dissemination and forwarded to the Bureau by cover letter. These summary memoranda and your cover letter must bear the caption "Citizens Councils, (name of field office)". Each of these summary memoranda must also be dated.

As in the past, information received concerning citizens councils which requires expeditious handling must not be delayed for inclusion in the monthly summary but must be furnished to the Bureau promptly by whatever means of communication is required by the nature of the information.

Letter to SAC, Atlanta
Re: CITIZENS COUNCILS

This matter must receive your personal attention and it is your responsibility, insofar as is possible, to see to it that the Bureau will continue to be in a position to furnish pertinent information concerning potential violence to interested Government agencies.

With respect to the administrative handling of current cases, you should submit a closing report within 30 days from the date of this letter. This report should incorporate any information which has been obtained to date not previously reported. If there is very little information to be reported, you may at your discretion submit a closing letter. On the administrative page of the closing report or in the closing letter make reference to this letter in order that the administrative handling at the Seat of Government may be facilitated.

The fact that we are discontinuing our inquiries concerning citizens councils is not to be discussed or made known in any manner to anyone outside your own office. This includes your confidential informants.

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI DATE: 1/15/57

FROM : SAC, Mobile

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
MOBILE DIVISION

ReBulet to Atlanta, 12/15/56.

Enclosed herewith is original and seven copies of a summary memo dated 1/15/57, reflecting activity of the Citizens Councils in this Division.

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Informant T-1 in the enclosed memo is [redacted] Montgomery, Alabama, who furnished information to SA [redacted] and who requested that his identity be protected.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Mobile, Alabama
January 15, 1957

Citizens Councils
Mobile Division

The November-December, 1956 issue of "The Alabamian", official publication of the Citizens' Councils of Alabama, with headquarters at Montgomery, Alabama, contained an editorial by Editor Sam Engelhardt criticizing the United States Supreme Court ruling outlawing bus segregation in Montgomery, Alabama. This editorial reflected that Alabama and the South are not going to submit to integration and that legal and peaceful fight for orderly constitutional government will move ahead - and the Citizens' Councils of Alabama will be in the front line of that fight.

The December 4, 1956 issue of the "Alabama Journal", daily newspaper published at Montgomery, Alabama, reflected that State Senator Sam Engelhardt spoke before a White Citizens Council meeting representing forty counties, which meeting was held December 4, 1956 at Montgomery, Alabama, Engelhardt reportedly saying the meeting was called to map Council strategy.

Informant T-1, who has furnished some reliable information in the past, advised on December 31, 1956 that a few days before State Senator Sam M. Engelhardt was reported by an acquaintance of T-1 as having stated that the Citizens' Councils of Alabama had plans for getting as many as a hundred thousand people into Montgomery, Alabama "to take care of the situation", referring to the racial situation in Montgomery surrounding the bus segregation dispute. Informant stated that on December 24, 1956 he had spoken with Engelhardt, at which time Engelhardt acknowledged to informant T-1 that he had made the above mentioned statement but that it was not exactly his idea, but that "they would come in handy", apparently referring to a large number of Citizens' Council members.

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The January 12, 1957 issue of "The Mobile Register", daily newspaper published at Mobile, Alabama, reported that the meeting of the South Alabama Citizens' Council had been held in Mobile the night of January 11, 1957, at Carpenters' Hall, with about seven hundred persons in attendance. Senator Engelhardt was described as making a vigorous pro-segregation speech in which he stated that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is working underground every day in Montgomery, Alabama, and that the Negro leaders are getting ready to seek court orders for integration of parks, schools, restaurants and movie theaters. He blamed all the trouble in Montgomery on the United States Supreme Court, and stated that there is "only one way to stop this thing and that way is for all the white people of Alabama to present a solid front". This news article also reported that another speaker at this meeting was [redacted] who pledged to continue to do everything in his power to maintain segregation on public transportation facilities under the jurisdiction of the agency which he heads. The two speakers were introduced by [redacted], a Mobile attorney, and the meeting was presided over by [redacted] b6 b7C

The December 25, 1956 issue of the "States Rights Advocate", official publication of the Montgomery County Citizens' Council, reported that Congressman George Grant spoke to a meeting of the Montgomery County Citizens' Council at Montgomery, Alabama on the night of December 19, 1956, and blasted the ruling of the Supreme Court banning segregation as illegal and not based on law. The article reported that Congressman Grant had stated that he would introduce a bill to have Federal Judges elected instead of appointed as in the past. The speakers were introduced by [redacted] of this Council and the speakers included Mayor W. A. Gayle of the City of Montgomery.

This same issue of the "States Rights Advocate" contained an article reporting on the integration of the public high school in Clinton, Tennessee. The article charged that the Federal Judge in Tennessee "took away the

rights of the people of Tennessee - their right of public assembly, their freedom of speech and even their right to express their disapproval of something that previous Supreme Justices had disapproved, and apparently has eliminated the right to a trial by jury". This article also reported that "violence in any form is deplorable but it is the inborn heritage of every true Southern man and woman to fight when their privacy is invaded. He will defend his home, schools, churches, and children against forced integration even if it means the use of force when force is used against them."

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The October 28, 1956 issue of the "Panama City News-Herald", daily newspaper published at Panama City, Florida, reported that the Jackson County Citizens' Council had met in Marianna that week, exact date not specified, with [redacted] presiding, and with State Senator John S. Rawls, Marianna, Florida, as speaker. Rawls told the group that the organization can render valuable service to the State Government by finding and presenting important problems for solution.

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The January 1, 1957 issue of "The Tallahassee Democrat", daily newspaper published at Tallahassee, Florida, reported that at a meeting of the Tallahassee Chapter of the Florida Citizens Council on December 31, 1956, a vote was taken to forward a resolution to the Governor of Florida asking him to use emergency powers to take over city buses and prevent integrated seating on them. Main speaker at the meeting was [redacted] of [redacted] who stated it was his feeling that the Negro integration movement was Communist inspired. Persons introduced at this meeting included [redacted] of the Marianna Council, [redacted] of the Marianna Council, [redacted] of St. Marks, [redacted] of the Wakulla County Council, and [redacted], [redacted] of the Gadsden County Council. It was reported that the Gadsden County Council would meet the night of Januaryll, 1957, and the Marianna Council would meet January 10, 1957, at 8:00 p.m.

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The January 12, 1957 issue of "The Tallahassee Democrat" reported that the Tallahassee Chapter of the Florida Citizens Council held a meeting on the night of

January 11, 1957, presided over by Homer Barrs, Tallahassee, Executive Secretary of the Florida Citizens Council. Speakers were [redacted] of [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted] of [redacted]. The Tallahassee Chapter elected [redacted] contractor, as [redacted] and [redacted] and [redacted] Directors.

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(BOOKS)

TALLAHASSEE, FLA.--A WHITE CITIZENS COUNCIL GROUP HAS LAUNCHED A CAMPAIGN TO "GET ALL THOSE COMMUNIST AND INTEGRATION BOOKS" OUT OF PUBLIC SCHOOL LIBRARIES AND DEMANDED THAT WHITE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ATTENDING NEGRO INTEGRATION MEETINGS HERE BE EXPELLED.

AN ESTIMATED 60 PERSONS MET IN THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE TO PLAN STRATEGY FOR COMBATTING RACIAL INTEGRATION. SOME THREATENED TO THROW OUT THREE REPORTERS COVERING THE MEETING, BUT [redacted] b6 b7C A LOCAL CARPENTER, SAID THAT "WE'RE NOT TRYING TO HIDE ANYTHING."

COUNCIL [redacted] TOLD THE GROUP HE WOULD SOON RECEIVE A LIST OF "SUBVERSIVE BOOKS FROM A LADY IN CALIFORNIA." HE URGED THEM TO CHECK THE LIBRARIES OF LOCAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

"THEY'VE GOT LITERALLY HUNDREDS OF INTEGRATION BOOKS IN THE SCHOOLS," HE SAID. "I PULLED OUT TWO LAST WEEK. WE'VE GOT TO FIND OUT WHAT THOSE BOOKS ARE AND HAVE THEM PULLED OUT. THEY SHOULD BE TAUGHT EDUCATION AND NOT MIXING OF THE RACES."

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-33955)(105-40391) DATE: 2/13/57

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (105-121)(105-161)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
MOBILE DIVISION

Re Mobile memo to Bureau 1/15/57.

Enclosed herewith to the Bureau are the original and 12 copies of a summary memo dated 2/13/57, reflecting activity of citizens councils in this Division.

A copy of this monthly letter and memo is designated for file on the Ala. state-wide organization, The Citizens' Councils of Alabama, Aka (Mofile 105-121)(Bufile 105-33955) and for the file on the Fla. state-wide organization, the Association of Citizens' Councils of Florida, Aka Florida Citizens' Council (Mofile 105-161)(Bufile 105-40391). It is pointed out that information concerning the officers of the Fla. state-wide organization has been furnished to the Miami Office by separate communication.

As the enclosed memo refers to 5 additional local citizens' council groups, on which the Bureau has separate files, 5 extra copies of the enclosed memo are being furnished to the Bureau in order that 1 copy of the memo can be placed in each of these 5 files; namely, 1 - Leon County Citizens' Council (Bufile 105-45727); 2 - Gadsden County, Florida White Citizens' Council (Bufile 105-54092); 3 - Bay County, Florida Citizens' Council (Bufile 105-49060); 4 - Montgomery County, Alabama Citizens' Council (Bufile 105-43132); 5 - South Alabama Citizens' Council (Bufile 105-50596).

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Mobile, Alabama
February 13, 1957

CITIZENS COUNCILS
MOBILE DIVISION

The February 4, 1957, issue of the Florida Times-Union, daily newspaper published at Jacksonville, Florida, reported on a state-wide meeting of the Florida Citizens' Council held February 3, 1957, at Tallahassee, Florida. [redacted] of the Mississippi White Citizens' Councils, was the principal speaker, stating that race mixing in the South is not inevitable and that organized aggression must be met with organized resistance. An education program must be pushed in the North, according to [redacted], of Orlando, Florida, was named [redacted] and State Organizer. [redacted] Tallahassee, was named as [redacted] to assist [redacted], [redacted] of the Citizens Bank of Bushnell, was designated State Treasurer.

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According to this same source, at this meeting an 11-man executive committee was named as follows:

1st Congressional District: [redacted] Brooksville, Florida
[redacted] St. Petersburg

2nd Congressional District: [redacted] Jacksonville

3rd Congressional District: [redacted] Panama City
[redacted] Pensacola
[redacted] Marianna

5th Congressional District: [redacted] Daytona Beach
[redacted] Bunnell
[redacted] DeLand

8th Congressional District: [redacted] Live Oak
Former State Representative
[redacted] Lake City.

Also, according to this article, [redacted] Escambia County, Florida, was [redacted] of the State Convention,

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and stressed that the citizens' council is not a hate organization and its campaign to preserve segregation will be conducted in peace and law.

The January 24, 1957, issue of the Tallahassee Democrat, daily newspaper published at Tallahassee, Florida, reported that the Leon County Citizens' Council would meet on January 25, 1957, at the County Court House in Tallahassee, according to G. E. FLOYD, Chairman of the county organization. The January 26, 1957, issue of the Mobile Press, daily newspaper published at Mobile, Alabama, reported on this meeting on January 25, 1957. This article reflected that this council lashed out at university students who are urging election of a Negro candidate as city commissioner in Tallahassee and urged fraternities at Florida State University to organize a campaign against integrationists.

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The February 3, 1957, issue of the Tallahassee Democrat reported that [redacted] of Orlando, Florida, an evangelist, would be the featured speaker at a meeting of the Gadsden County Citizens' Council on Tuesday, February 5, 1957, which meeting was to be held at 8:00 p.m. in the Gadsden County Court House.

The January 17, 1957, issue of the Panama City News, daily newspaper published at Panama City, Florida, reported that the Bay County Citizens' Council would hold an election of officers at its regular monthly meeting at the Court House in Panama City at 7:30 p.m., Friday, January 22, 1957. The article reported that [redacted] stated that the nominating committee would present a slate of officers for the coming year. The article reflected other current officers of the group as [redacted] and [redacted]

The February 7, 1957, issue of the Mobile Press reported that incorporation papers of the Montgomery County Citizens' Council had been filed in Probate Court in Montgomery, Alabama. Purposes listed by the organization included "to preserve order and domestic tranquility....and to safeguard states' rights by peaceful and legal means". This article reported that the council's legislative committee was reported as designed to screen all political candidates and all political action concerning the council and to promote "ways that we may cooperate with our allies and defeat our enemies".

The January 12, 1957, issue of the Mobile Register, daily newspaper published at Mobile, Alabama, reported that

State Senator SAM ENGELHARDT, JR., Executive Secretary of the Citizens' Councils of Alabama, with headquarters in Montgomery, Alabama, spoke at the January 11, 1957, meeting of the South Alabama Citizens' Council at Mobile. The article reported about 700 persons were in attendance at the meeting. The article reported ENGELHARDT as saying the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is working underground every day in Montgomery, Alabama, and that the bus boycott at Montgomery was the brain-child of the NAACP. ENGELHARDT was reported as saying that the only thing for the white people in Alabama to do was present a solid front, and all white persons are needed to get behind the movement to "maintain our customs."

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[redacted] This same news article reported that [redacted] of the Alabama Public Service Commission, spoke at this same meeting in Mobile on January 11, 1957, and was reported as saying he would continue to do everything in his power to see that segregation is maintained. [redacted] was quoted as saying, "in order to maintain peace, law and order, we must keep segregation in our public transportation systems". The article reflected the speakers had been introduced by [redacted] Mobile Attorney, and [redacted] of the South Alabama Citizens' Council, who presided at the meeting.

The January 24, 1957, issue of the Mobile Register reported that a request of the South Alabama Citizens' Council for permission to use Mobile County Public School buildings for meetings was rejected by the County School Board, which reaffirmed a previously adopted policy that use of school buildings for meetings of a controversial nature would not be permitted unless both sides of the controversy were present. This article reported that Mobile County Commissioner [redacted] [redacted] and [redacted] appeared as spokesmen for the South Alabama Citizens' Council and argued that the organization's stand for segregation is not "controversial" and they advised that the primary purpose of the organization is "educational".

The February 9, 1957, issue of the Mobile Register reported that at a meeting at Mobile on February 8, 1957, the South Alabama Citizens' Council at Mobile passed a resolution urging the State Legislature to abolish any legal recognition of common-law marriages. Guest speaker at this meeting was [redacted] [redacted] of Grove Hill, Alabama, former Superintendent of Education in Clarke County, Alabama, who was quoted as saying, "I place at the door of the schools of America a great deal of the responsibility for the helluva mess we are in". He lambasted politicians in the Democratic Party for trying to force integration on the South. This article reflected that officers elected at this meeting for the coming year were [redacted] Bayou La Batre, Alabama,

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Citizens Councils - Mobile

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(FLORIDA)

TALLAHASSEE, FLA.--A GROUP OF 150 MEN AND WOMEN TODAY ORGANIZED A STATEWIDE CHAIN OF WHITE CITIZENS COUNCILS TO FIGHT RACIAL INTEGRATION, THE UNITED NATIONS AND "THE TYRANNY OF THE SUPREME COURT."

THE ORGANIZATION NAMED A BAPTIST EVANGELIEST, THE [redacted] OF ORLANDO, EDITOR OF THE PRO-SEGREGATION PERIODICAL "GOSPEL TIMES," AS ITS [redacted] AND STATE ORGANIZER. [redacted] OF INDIANOLA, MISS., [redacted] OF THE CITIZENS COUNCILS OF MISSISSIPPI, ADVISED THE GROUP, TO BE CALLED THE ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS COUNCILS OF FLORIDA, IN ITS SEVEN-HOUR ORGANIZATION MEETING. HE TOLD THEM THAT "BY YOURSELF YOU ARE JUST A LITTLE DOG YAPPING IN THE WILDERNESS."

"FIRST YOU'VE GOT TO EDUCATE THE SOUTH," [redacted] SAID. "THEN WE'VE GOT TO GO INTO THE NORTH AND CONVINCE OUR YANKEE BRETHREN THAT THE SAME TYRANNY THAT IS STALKING THE SOUTH IS STALKING THEM, TOO. THE AVERAGE YANKEE DOESN'T GIVE A DARN ONE WAY OR THE OTHER."

THE GROUP REPEATEDLY EMPHASIZED THAT "WE ARE NOT AGAINST THE NEGRO. WE ARE FOR STATES' RIGHTS AND RACIAL INTEGRITY."

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(CIVIL RIGHTS)

ATLANTA--THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND, AN INTER-RACIAL GROUP, TODAY URGED PRESIDENT EISENHOWER TO "REINFORCE" HIS CIVIL RIGHTS RECOMMENDATIONS TO CONGRESS WITH A PUBLIC STATEMENT OF "HIS POSITION."

THE ORGANIZATION'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS CALLED ON CONGRESS AT A ONE-DAY MEETING HERE TO PASS THE PRESIDENT'S CIVIL RIGHTS PROGRAM.

IT REQUESTED IN A STATEMENT THAT THE PRESIDENT "REINFORCE THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CONGRESS BY AN APPROPRIATE DECLARATION TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC OF HIS POSITION BY WHATEVER MEANS HE FINDS MOST SUITABLE."

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Citizens Councils - Mobile

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(FLORIDA)
TALLAHASSEE, FLA.--A GROUP OF 150 MEN AND WOMEN TODAY ORGANIZED A STATEWIDE CHAIN OF WHITE CITIZENS COUNCILS TO FIGHT RACIAL INTEGRATION, THE UNITED NATIONS AND "THE TYRANNY OF THE SUPREME COURT."

THE ORGANIZATION NAMED A BAPTIST EVANGELIEST, THE [redacted] OF ORLANDO, EDITOR OF THE PRO-SEGREGATION PERIODICAL "GOSPEL TIMES," AS ITS [redacted] AND STATE ORGANIZER. [redacted] OF INDIANOLA, MISS., [redacted] OF THE CITIZENS COUNCILS OF MISSISSIPPI, ADVISED THE GROUP, TO BE CALLED THE ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS COUNCILS OF FLORIDA, IN ITS SEVEN-HOUR ORGANIZATION MEETING. HE TOLD THEM THAT "BY YOURSELF YOU ARE JUST A LITTLE DOG YAPPING IN THE WILDERNESS."

"FIRST YOU'VE GOT TO EDUCATE THE SOUTH," [redacted] SAID. "THEN WE'VE GOT TO GO INTO THE NORTH AND CONVINCE OUR YANKEE BRETHREN THAT THE SAME TYRANNY THAT IS STALKING THE SOUTH IS STALKING THEM, TOO. THE AVERAGE YANKEE DOESN'T GIVE A DARN ONE WAY OR THE OTHER."

THE GROUP REPEATEDLY EMPHASIZED THAT "WE ARE NOT AGAINST THE NEGRO. WE ARE FOR STATES' RIGHTS AND RACIAL INTEGRITY."

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/13/57

FROM : SAC, MOBILE

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
MOBILE DIVISION

Re Mobile memorandum to the Bureau, 2/13/57.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are original and 8 copies of summary memorandum dated 3/13/57, reflecting activity of Citizens Councils in this division.

A copy of this monthly letter and memorandum is designated for the file on the Alabama statewide organization, namely the Citizens' Councils of Alabama, aka, Bufile 105-33955, and for the file on the Florida statewide organization, namely the Association of Citizens' Councils of Florida, aka, Bufile 105-40391. It is pointed out that information concerning new officers of the Alabama group has been furnished to the Birmingham Office by separate communication.

As the enclosed memorandum refers to one additional Citizens Council group on which the Bureau has a separate file, an extra copy of the enclosed memorandum is furnished to the Bureau in order that a copy might be placed in this file, namely Bay County, Florida Citizens' Council, Bufile 105-49060.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Mobile, Alabama
March 13, 1957

CITIZENS COUNCILS
MOBILE DIVISION

The March 10, 1957, issue of the Mobile Press Register, a Sunday newspaper published at Mobile, Alabama, reflected that an unannounced closed meeting of the Alabama Association of Citizens' Councils had been held on March 8, 1957, at Montgomery, Alabama. The article quoted State Senator SAM ENGLEHARDT, Executive Secretary of the group, as saying that Citizens' Councils Chapters from forty Alabama Counties were represented at the meeting. The article reported that ENGLEHARDT had been reelected Executive Secretary and in addition the following officers of this statewide group had been elected at this meeting: b6 b7C

Chairman - Circuit Judge VERDO WILSON ELMORE, Gordo, Alabama

[redacted] Atmore, Alabama

[redacted] Montgomery, Alabama

The February 12, 1957 issue of the Panama City Herald, daily newspaper published at Panama City, Florida, reflected that [redacted] of Orlando, Florida, Executive Secretary of the Citizens' Councils of Florida, would be principal speaker at a meeting of the Bay County, Florida Citizens' Council to be held at the County Courthouse in Panama City on the night of February 12, 1957. The article reflected that [redacted] is a [redacted] and [redacted] Brookmont Baptist Church in Washington, D. C. Newly elected officers of the local council were slated to preside at the meeting, namely [redacted] and [redacted]. The article quoted [redacted] as saying that the local council had almost doubled its membership in the past month, but no membership figures were cited.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237) DATE: 10/19/57

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (105-121)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
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ReBulet dated 10/9/57, to Atlanta, with copies to Mobile and other offices.

By letter dated 9/27/57, to Bureau captioned "RACIAL SITUATION, MONTGOMERY, ALA.", Bufile 100-135-61, this office called to the attention of the Bureau information reported by PSI [redacted] on 9/20/57, that the Montgomery Improvement Association, Montgomery, Ala., was going ahead with formulating a plan to bring about at least some degree of integration in the public schools of Montgomery in the fall of 1958. [redacted] is on the committee to formulate such a plan and will report progress of the committee to a Bureau Agent. He reported that Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING, leader of the Montgomery, Ala. bus boycott, was chairman of the committee.

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Montgomery is the only city in the Mobile territory where they is any indication of any move to integrate the public schools.

Even though the contemplated move at Montgomery is not scheduled until the fall of 1958, it is felt that a program should be undertaken promptly to develop sources and informants in the Montgomery County, Alabama, Citizens Council. Considerable background information re this council had been accumulated and reported until investigations re citizens councils were discontinued per Bureau letter dated 12/13/56.

This office at the present time does not plan to undertake a program of developing informants in the many other citizens councils in the Mobile area as it is not anticipated at this time that integration will be undertaken in the reasonably foreseeable future.

As the Bureau is aware from previous inquiries re citizens councils in the Mobile Division, no evidence whatsoever was acquired to indicate that any of the citizens councils

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advocated violence. However, it has been made rather crystal clear from investigations and facts reported in the case entitled "U. S. KLANS, KKKK, INC., Known in Ala. as U. S. Klans of Ala., KKKK, IS-X," Bufile 100-7801, that members of several of the Klaverns located in the Mobile territory advocate violence and most of the acts of violence reported to date involve Klan members. It is definitely anticipated that the Klan groups will promote or engage in acts of violence relative to any minor or major integration effort in schools or otherwise.

This office will continue to report through public sources and volunteered information any pertinent activities of any of the citizens councils in the Mobile area.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-49060) DATE: 10/19/57

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (105-193)

SUBJECT: BAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CITIZENS' COUNCIL
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Enclosed herewith find original and seven copies of Blank Memorandum concerning the meeting of subject organization held at Panama City, Florida on the night of 10/10/57.

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BAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CITIZENS' COUNCIL

The Panama City News, daily newspaper published at Panama City, Florida, issue of October 11, 1957, reported on a meeting of the above captioned organization held the night of October 10, 1957, at Panama City. The article reported that Bay County Representative [redacted] explained his opposition to the "Last Resort" bill introduced in the Florida Legislature. He termed the bill too vague.

The article reported [redacted] Monticello, Florida, Attorney, and former State Legislator, also spoke explaining the "Last Resort" bill and extolling its merits.

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Attorney [redacted] preceded the discussion on integration legislation by [redacted] and [redacted] by giving a brief history of segregation in the United States.

This memorandum is loaned to you by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and neither it nor its contents are to be distributed outside the agency to which loaned.

1 - Mr. Williams

SAC, Mobile (105-121) December 4, 1957

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Reurlet November 23, 1957, in which you set forth plans of the Montgomery Improvement Association with regard to integration in schools in Montgomery, Alabama. In this connection, you advised that informants in citizens councils in this vicinity will be developed slowly with a view toward having two active regular informants in the Montgomery County Citizens Council by September, 1958.

Although the information obtained with regard to plans of the Montgomery Improvement Association indicates it will be September, 1959, before integration takes place in Montgomery schools, it is believed that you should not delay until September, 1958, in securing coverage of this organization if you believe it will be involved in racial difficulties. Action taken by the Montgomery Improvement Association could result in integration in Montgomery schools in the Fall of 1958, and, therefore, it is desired that you obtain sufficient coverage well in advance of that time to determine the potential for violence of the Montgomery County Citizens Council.

As to the submission of 30-day letters, you are instructed to continue to submit these letters in accordance with instructions set forth in Bulet to Atlanta dated October 9, 1957, copies of which were furnished to your office. This letter will contain not only information concerning informants in Montgomery but in other cities in your territory as well.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Mobile advised that inasmuch as plans for integration are not anticipated to materialize until Fall of 1959, there is no immediate rush in obtaining informants. That office cannot be guaranteed that the plans of the Negroes will go as scheduled, and it is believed that coverage should be obtained prior to the start of the next school year.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237) DATE: 11/23/57

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (105-121)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
IS-X

ReBuLet to AT 10/9/57, and ReMoLet to Bureau 10/19/57.

On 11/21/57, PSI [redacted], referred to in relet, advised that the Montgomery Improvement Association (MIA) committee on school integration has tentatively decided on the following schedule for integration of Montgomery, Ala. public schools. b6 b7C b7D

About Jan. 1958, a single plan or two or more alternate plans for integration of Montgomery schools will be presented to the Montgomery Co. Board of Education. It is reasonably anticipated that the Board of Education will refuse to approve any such plan, and will probably formally reject all such plans by the summer of 1958. At that time the same plan or group of alternate plans will be set forth in a suit in the United States District Court in Montgomery, with a view to getting an order from that court to compel the school board to approve a plan. The MIA committee expects that the ensuing litigation will take some months, and does not expect to have an approved plan until sometime during 1959. [redacted] said that the MIA committee plans to "prepare the Negro community" of Montgomery for the actual integration move to take place in the fall of 1959.

This represents a delay in the previously stated MIA plan to have an integration move ready by the fall of 1958, and it removes some of the urgency in developing information and sources in the Citizens Council at Montgomery. Mobile anticipates developing adequate coverage in the Citizens Council in Montgomery. In this connection, [redacted] a Klan informant at Montgomery, is a member of the Montgomery County (Alabama) Citizens Council, and has occasional contact with Ala. State Senator SAM M. ENGELHARDT, Executive Secretary of the Citizens Councils of Alabama. He would be very likely to learn of any coordinated action planned by the council and the Klan in Montgomery. b2 b7D

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Additionally, a letter has been forwarded to the Bureau under caption of the Montgomery County, Alabama Citizens' Council, Aka, IS-X, requesting authority to develop [redacted] a council member, as an informant in that group. This action is part of a plan to have a number of limited informants, not to be regularly paid, and not to be depended on for routine, regular activities of the council, but only to be in a position to learn of unlawful plans or activities. This office also contemplates developing perhaps two regular SI's within the council, with a view to their obtaining positions of trust and confidence among the leaders, to complete the intelligence data necessary to the development of witnesses in the event violence, or interference with court orders occurs.

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It is pointed out to the Bureau that the same personnel will have the responsibility of developing Citizens Council coverage who now are engaged in the task, thus far not adequately successful, of developing informants in the Klan. It is believed that the project of developing informants in the Klan merits far greater priority in this Division at this time, because the Klan does commit acts of violence, and is in the process of terrorizing whole Negro communities in Ala. by violent attacks upon Negroes, and by cross-burnings. It is believed, further, that fully adequate coverage in all Klan groups will automatically result in considerable coverage of any unlawful activities of the Citizens Councils, because of the likelihood of Klan cooperation or coordination with any such activities of the councils. It is further pointed out that the immediate development of regular informants in the Citizens Councils will result in expenditures of Bureau funds to learn of routine, lawful activities of this group, and nothing of immediate interest to the Bureau. It is, therefore, suggested that the Bureau consider authorizing this Division to limit the process of developing informants in the council at this time to making preliminary contacts with prospective informants, using a considerable period for gradual indoctrination, and getting well acquainted. It is believed that an adequate target date for having two active regular informants in the Montgomery Co., Ala. CC would be 9/1/58.

In view of the above information UACB Mobile will not submit the 30-day letters requested in Bulet to AT 10/9/57. This office will continue to furnish public source data to the Bureau promptly as well as any other pertinent developments.

1 - Mr. Williams

SAC, Mobile (105-121) May 13, 1958

Director, FBI (105-34237-61)

CITIZENS COUNCILS
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Reurlet dated May 1, 1958, in which you furnished the results of your determinations regarding the use of Klan informants and potential informants in connection with citizens councils.

Bureau authority is granted to contact [redacted] to determine the possibility of that informant affiliating with the Lowndes County Citizens' Council. b2 b7D

Due to the violent activities which have taken place in the Montgomery area in the past few years the Bureau feels that there should be coverage of the Montgomery County Citizens' Council in addition to that which you already have. Therefore, additional consideration should be given to contacting PSI [redacted] concerning the possibility of his affiliating with this organization. Although as you point out in relet [redacted] appears to believe in the work the citizens councils are doing and was formerly a council member in Chilton County, it is believed he could be contacted and react favorably if it were pointed out to him that the Bureau is not interested in the legitimate activities of these groups but the possibility exists that there is an element within the organization which may at a later date commit acts of violence and that it is this element in which the Bureau is interested. b6 b7C b7D

Likewise, [redacted] should be made aware of the reasons for the Bureau's interests in these councils. b2 b7D

Furnish Bureau promptly results of contact with [redacted] and results of additional consideration regarding [redacted]. b6 b7C b7D

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SAC, Mobile
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NOTE ON YELLOW:

By let 4/15/58 appropriate offices were instructed to consider utilization of Klan informants and potential informants in citizens councils. Mobile recommended that [redacted] be contacted in this regard. No information in relet or in Bufiles which would indicate contact with this informant inadvisable. Mobile pointed out that [redacted], former council member, would be suitable for membership in councils at this time but inasmuch as he believes in the work they are doing it was recommended he not be contacted.

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'Will lay it on the line'—

Councils will try persuasion rather than defiance to resist rights probes, Engelhardt says

BY REX THOMAS

MONTGOMERY, Jan. 11 —(AP)—A White Citizens spokesman says the leaders of his organization are counting on "persuasion rather than defiance" to resist any civil rights investigations in Alabama.

State Sen. Sam Engelhardt disclosed today that council officers have agreed to "lay it on the line" if subpoenaed by the newly created Federal Civil Rights Commission.

Engelhardt, executive secretary of the Alabama Assn. of Citizens Councils, said the segregationist leaders have decided in council conferences to "try to show the commission that breaking down the voting patterns by letting unqualified voters take over will only cause trouble."

The commission was established under the Civil Rights Law enacted by Congress last year with power to investigate all phases of civil rights even though the law itself is limited to enforcing voting

No hearings yet

NO SCHEDULE of hearings has been announced, but the commission almost certainly will be asked to look into Negro voting complaints in the South and probably in Alabama.

A Montgomery Negro leader, Rufus Lewis, said earlier this week that while no decision has been made, "we certainly have it in mind" to ask the commission to investigate charges of discrimination against prospective Negro voters here.

Macon County, for many years a center of racial tension because of the preponderance of Negroes there, is another area where the federal investigators may decide to take a look.

Macon is Engelhardt's home and one of the two counties he represents in the Senate.

Negro voting has long been a touchy issue in Macon County and in Tuskegee, the county seat and location of the famed Negro college, Tuskegee Institute. Although Negroes outnumber white residents in the county nearly 7 to 1 white voters have a 2 to 1 edge at the polls.

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Recently, Engelhardt succeeded in virtually eliminating Negro voting in Tuskegee by rearranging the two boundaries to exclude all predominantly Negro residential areas from the city limits.

LATER, a constitutional amendment sponsored by Engelhardt was ratified by Alabama voters to empower the Legislature to abolish Macon County if necessary to keep Negroes from gaining political control.

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Other counties have a Negro voting problem, too, but Macon and Montgomery have received most attention in recent months. The Montgomery Improvement Assn., a Negro organization, estimates that only about 50,000 of the more than 800,000 registered voters in Alabama are Negroes.

Wants public notice of rights enforcement

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11—(AP)—Sen. Hennings (D., Mo.) proposed Saturday that the Justice Department post public notices to "alert" all citizens to federal law enforcement services available to protect their voting rights under the new civil rights law.

He suggested that such notices could be placed on bulletin boards in postoffices and other federal buildings.

He said he thought the government could "at the very least" employ means to notify American citizens "about the procedures available to protect their sacred federal voting rights and what federal offices are open to them if these rights are violated."

Alabama Press Conference—

Rights body may hold key to Macon division

BY FRED TAYLOR
News staff writer

Carving up or outright abolition of heavily Negro populated Macon County will hinge largely on what action is taken by the Civil Rights Commission recently appointed by President Eisenhower.

State Sen. Sam Engelhardt Jr. of Macon, author and chief sponsor of the recently adopted constitutional amendment authorizing abolition of that county, said citizens of Macon and six surrounding counties would be given an opportunity to vote again on what is to be done.

U. S. Sen. John Sparkman defended the action on Macon County, in a national (ABC network) television appearance Sunday, declaring that each state has the right to determine its own internal affairs.

SPARKMAN POINTED OUT that Alabama has been redistricted "perhaps two dozen times" since it became a state.

Asked how he felt the action would be viewed by the rest of the world, the Alabama senator replied, "I don't know that

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the world will even be interested in that."

ENGELHARDT, executive secretary of Citizens Councils of Alabama and one of the state's strongest segregationists, declared that attempts to force school integration in Alabama "will make Little Rock look like a garden party."

The Macon senator has a bill ready to tighten voter qualifications and to give more protection to county boards of registrars, if Gov. James E. Folsom calls a special session of the Legislature.

Engelhardt declined to say whether he would run for governor or lieutenant governor in the upcoming Democratic primary election, as has been reported from time to time.

BUT HE DECLARED that the Citizens Councils "will not back or fight any particular candidate."

Asked if an estimated 60,000 members of this statewide organization would support him if he does seek state office, Engelhardt replied: "I would hope so."

He made these and other declarations on Sunday's WABT-WAPI "Alabama Press Conference" sponsored by The Birmingham News and the two stations.

Engelhardt, who estimated that his organization has 60,000 members, said membership spurted after President Eisenhower sent federal troops to Little Rock, with about 5000 more asking to join.

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HOWEVER, THE COUNCILS now have fewer members than they had 18 months ago, he said.

"But the enthusiasm is still there," he added.

Regarding any use of federal troops to force school integration in Alabama, the Macon senator declared, "We have more school districts than they (the Army) have divisions."

Engelhardt, sponsor of the bill passed by the Legislature gerrymandering the City of Tuskegee to remove from its corporate limits most of the Negro voters, said he would not be willing to change that.

"AND I THINK Tuskegee's white citizens will be able to withstand the Negro boycott of merchants," he added.

He explained the citizens are rebuilding their economy with merchants cutting down inventories, which he said formerly were large.

"The NAACP and Tuskegee Civic Assn. (Negro organization) will rue the day they started the boycott," predicted Engelhardt. "This is a two-edged sword.

HE EXPLAINED the white people there could resort to a boycott, too.

Engelhardt, who earlier had advocated that the state take over Tuskegee Institute, said he has decided against introducing a bill in the Legislature to do this.

"But I think it would be wise to transfer some of its functions to other schools, such as sending the engineering and veterinary medicine schools to the Negro college at Huntsville," he said.

Engelhardt, who said he had voted for state appropriations to Tuskegee Institute, favors continuing these appropriations.

Engelhardt, whose Citizens Councils organization has completed membership drives in 12 counties, said questionnaires would be sent candidates for governor, Legislature and other public and party offices.

HE SAID queries would be substantially the same, although "worded a little differently," as those fired at public and party office aspirants two years ago.

Among the qustions, he said, would be:

Will candidates "solicit the Negro vote?"

"Will they "deny the Negro vote?"

Will candidates be willing to submit to the Citizens Councils group a list of financial contributors and amounts of contributions?

ENGELHARDT SAID he does not see any need for a special session. And he added that his support of the Folsom administration's $20 million road bond proposal would depend on whether "it could be tied down so the money could be used only for federal matching."

Engelhardt, who met today at Montgomery with legislators representing counties surrounding Macon to consider a course of action, said "a lot of our decision depends on action of the Civil Rights Commission."

HE SAID he is "perfectly willing" for proposals changing Macon's boundaries to annex portions of it to adjoining counties to be submitted to voters of all counties concerned, before any final legislative action is taken.

"But if it takes abolition of Macon County to preserve the status quo, then I'm ready for it," he said.

Questioning Engelhardt were Leroy Simms, chief Associated Press Correspondent in Alabama, and this reporter. Charlie Davis was moderator.

Alabama Seen As Outdoing Little Rock

Engelhardt Expects Outbreaks To Follow Any Mixing Order

BY IVAN SWIFT

State Sen. Sam Engelhardt Jr., told a radio and television audience yesterday if school integration is ordered in Alabama he thinks "it will make Little Rock look like a garden party."

The executive secretary of the Citizens Councils of Alabama, speaking over Stations WABT and WAPI on Alabama Press Conference, told Interviewers Fred Taylor of The Birmingham News and Leroy Simms, Associated Press Alabama correspondent, there are "more school districts in the South than Army divisions."

Engelhardt, who claims about 60,000 members in his segregation organization, said the councils haven't as many members as they had 18 months ago "but the enthusiasm still is there."

He said the 60,000 membership figure is a guess because membership drives have been completed in only 12 counties by the state-wide organization.

Engelhardt didn't disclose his personal political plans under heavy questioning from Taylor

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about them but he did say the councils "will not back or fight any particular candidate."

The Macon senator said the questionnaire the councils plan to send every candidate will ask questioning similar to the 1954 query sheet, and he mentioned two of them approximately as:

1. WILL THE CANDIDATE deny the Negro vote?

2. WILL THE CANDIDATE submit a list of financial contributors to his campaign?

He told Simms, in answer to a question, the publication of the answers will be the councils' way of informing Alabama voters about candidates.

Engelhardt himself is not expected to be a candidate for the office he now holds because the post is shifted customarily between Macon and Bullock Counties. Both counties make up the 26th District.

Engelhardt said the present political condition is a "state of confusion" so far as who is going to qualify and run for office is concerned.

He told the interviewers recommendations about the disposition of Macon County now under study after an affirmative vote Dec. 17, partly depends on the action of the Presidential Civil Rights Commission.

Engelhardt said he "feels

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sure they (the commission) will come here" and he said he "hopes we will be ready when they come into the state."

On other issues Engelhardt said:

He doesn't think the state can take over Tuskegee Institute, a private school, but consideration should be given to transferring schools contracted to Tuskegee, such as engineering, to state Negro schools.

Tuskegee merchants will "withstand" the boycott now going on, which followed the gerrymandering of Negro voters out of the city. Boycotts are "a two-edged sword" and "the NAACP and Tuskegee Civic Assn. will rue the day they started the boycott."

Additional school appropriations are needed, "especially in the case of Auburn."

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-43132) DATE: 12/20/57

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (105-233)

SUBJECT: MONTGOMERY COUNTY (ALA.)
CITIZENS' COUNCIL, Aka
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ReMoLet to Bureau 11/25/57, and Bulets 12/3 and 4/57.

[redacted] was contacted on 12/9/57, at which time he was acquainted in general terms with the responsibilities of the Bureau in Civil Rights matters, and with the need for the Bureau to keep abreast of all groups of persons having a potential for domestic violence. [redacted] indicated his agreement and approval of the Bureau's investigative activities in these matters, and generally expressed his will to assist where such assistance appeared needed. The discussion did not get down to any specifics, and the Citizens' Council (of Montgomery Co., Ala.) was not mentioned. It is believed certain that [redacted] would not take kindly at this time to any investigation which appeared to be centered around the Citizens' Council, no matter how carefully it is explained that the Bureau is not interested in the Citizens' Council as such. At a later contact, it will occur, incidentally, to the contacting Agent that [redacted] might easily receive pertinent information in discussions with some of the more radical members of the Citizens' Council, before and after meetings. It is believed that such an approach will give a truer perspective of the investigation to [redacted] that the Citizens' Council aspect of the investigation is incidental to the Bureau's objectives.

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With respect to Mobile's program in Citizens' Council matters in this Division, the following program is set forth:

1. Develop adequate informant coverage in the Montgomery Co. (Ala.) Citizens' Council, in view of projected plans for integration of public schools in 1959 in Montgomery, Ala. by the Montgomery Improvement Association.

2. Keep advised of developments in other citizens' councils in the Division area through existing informants and sources, and through newspapers and other readily available public source material.

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It is understood that both aspects of this investigation will be reported solely by letters to the Bureau submitted every 30 days. It is also understood that when a matter of obvious immediate interest to the Bureau, involving citizens' councils, is learned, such matter will be promptly set forth in suitably urgent communication, and will not be repeated in the regular 30-day letter. Such a matter was the only item of pertinence learned during the past 30 days, specifically the appearance of Little Rock Attorney [redacted] [redacted] at a citizens' council sponsored meeting at Montgomery, Ala. on 12/5/57, concerning which a blank memorandum was submitted.

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The next 30-day letter will be submitted on 1/20/58.

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On race question—

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Citizens Councils plan poll of office-seekers

BY FRED TAYLOR
News staff writer

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 7—The Citizens Councils of Alabama is getting ready to fire a broadside of questionnaires at avowed and prospective candidates for governor and other public and party office aspirants in the May Democratic primary election.

TAYLOR

State Sen. Sam Engelhardt Jr. of Macon, executive secretary of the organization, indicated that the queries to be directed at the candidates for governor would be broader than the ones submitted to office seekers in the election two years ago.

"This time we'll probably have eight or 10 questions to ask the candidates, especially those running for governor," said Sen. Engelhardt.

He and other council members are now busy drafting the questions which they expect to have ready for submission "within two or three weeks."

ENGELHARDT

The new questionnaires, like those propounded to the candidates prior to the May, 1956, Democratic primary elections, will deal mainly with maintaining segregation.

This issue long has been recognized by political observers as an all-important one in the upcoming campaigns.

SOME OF the questions asked by the Citizens Councils statewide organization in the last tussle for public and party offices were:

"Have you ever, or will you solicit the Negro vote? Do you here and now deny the Negro vote?"

"Will you give your wholehearted support to the action already taken by the Legislature of Alabama toward maintaining segregation?"

"Has the NAACP or any other organization dedicated to the breakdown of Alabama policies on segregation, made any financial contribution directly or indirectly to your campaign?"

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"Are you willing to submit to this office a notarized list of organizations contributing to your campaign?"

Some ignored queries

A NUMBER of candidates for both public and party offices bridled at questions directed at them in the last election, with some considering the queries too bullying and intimidating.

However, many of them answered the questionnaires, while others ignored the queries.

One of the candidates ignoring the questionnaire then was Gov. James E. Folsom, who was defeated for Democratic national committeeman by Rep. Charles W. McKay Jr. of Talladega.

McKay, who was head of the Citizens Council at Sylacauga at that time, answered the questions.

Livingston push

THERE'S A NEW movement under way to propel Supreme Court Chief Justice J. E. Livingston into the governor's race, despite the fact that he apparently at one time had given up the idea of running.

LIVINGSTON

But in recent days there has been a quiet but forceful attempt by some of the state's most influential citizens, including attorneys, business men and some members of the judiciary, to persuade him to run.

Would Chief Justice Livingston be eligible, under the State Constitution, to run for governor?

The answer, given by able constitutional lawyers, is yes.

This is because the Supreme Court presiding justice's term, to which he was elected, expires at the end of 1958.

If it extended beyond that time, he would not be eligible to seek or hold the governorship, under the constitution, they point out. They also cite sound reasons why such a prohibition was placed in the State Constitution.

Significant changes

CHIEF JUSTICE Livingston has not given any indication as to whether he will run for governor, or seek renomination to the high court.

Indications are that if he seeks reelection to the bench, he won't have any opposition. But it would be a different story, if he ran for governor.

There's always a hot fight for the state's top office.

Attempts to induce Livingston to jump into the governor's race were renewed since Alabama's gubernatorial picture underwent rapid and significant changes during the last week.

These occurred in rapid succession, with veteran U. S. Rep. Albert Rains, who had been regarded as one of the strongest prospective candidates, announcing he would not run. Instead, Rains said he would seek reelection to Congress where he feels he can best serve the state.

No sooner had Rains bowed out of the governor's race than former U. S. Rep. Joe Starnes of Guntersville, the man Rains had unseated as Fifth District congressman several years ago, indicated he was preparing to jump in.

And State Agriculture Commissioner A. W. Todd, former state senator from Russellville, plunged into the tussle. Todd long has been mentioned as a probable entrant.

Endorses amendments

JUDGE GEORGE Wallace of Clayton, who huddled with a group of some 75 persons in Birmingham Friday night to shape organization plans in his bid for governor, announced his support of the first six amendments on the Dec. 17 ballot, plus Amendments Nos. 10 and 11.

WALLACE

No. 1 is the $10 million inland docks measures, while Nos. 2 through 6 are generally described as health amendments.

No. 10 provides that the Legislature may authorize use of any portion of the proceeds of any special public hospital county taxes for care of indigent residents of the county.

No. 11 provides that obligations for public improvements or for school buildings would not, under certain circumstances, be considered an indebtedness in municipalities of less than 6000 population—same as already provided for larger municipalities.

"As the author of the Wallace Industrial Development Act," said Judge Wallace, "Amendment No. 11 is especially important because it would enable municipalities of less than 6000 population to provide for school and other facilities that cities of larger population already have the right to provide."

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-33955) DATE: 5/1/58

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (105-121)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS' COUNCILS
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Re Bureau memo to Atlanta and other offices dated 4/15/58.

Information on all informants and Bureau approved PSI's now being used in connection with Klan organizations has been reviewed relative to possible membership in citizens' councils. Information concerning each of these individuals is set forth below:

It is pointed out that most of the citizens' councils in the Mobile Division have not been reported as active recently. It is not felt that Klan informants should be contacted concerning citizens' councils in those localities where councils are not reported as active. Whenever citizens' councils become active it is felt that the Klan informants in those localities should be considered for council membership unless the Klan group involved adopts a policy against membership in both groups. Where a Klan group does not encourage or approve membership in citizens' councils as well as in the Klan group, it would cast suspicion on the Klan informant who is reported as attending citizens' council meetings:

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(1) [redacted]

Informant is a [redacted] He is [redacted] and the [redacted] and is employed as a [redacted]. He was [redacted] and has a limited education. His attitude and production have been good and it is not felt that he would personally object to joining the citizens' council if desired. The South Alabama Citizens' Council has been active in the past in Mobile, but reportedly has not met for the past several months. The Gulf KKK has remained separate from the South Alabama Citizens' Council and has not encouraged membership in or participation in the citizens' council; therefore, it is felt that informant might be brought under suspicion

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if he attempted to affiliate with the South Alabama Citizens' Council as well as the Klan group, for which reason it is not recommended that he be contacted relative to possible ~~citizens' council~~ membership.

(2) [redacted] b2 b7D

Informant is a member of the U.S. Klans Klavern at [redacted], and reports on Klan meetings at [redacted] and [redacted] He is [redacted] and is a high school graduate. He is employed as a [redacted] in Montgomery. He has proven to be a very reliable and resourceful informant who is of good character and reputation. He understands the Bureau's interest in Klan groups, it having been well demonstrated in Montgomery that the Klan has a strong potential for violence. b6 b7C

The Montgomery County Citizens' Council has been active at Montgomery, but has advocated peaceful means to maintain segregation and to date no violence has been blamed on this council group. Informant is a member of the Montgomery County Citizens' Council and can be expected to report any indication of violence on the part of the citizens' council if such is heard. It is felt that informant might be disturbed by any indication of current Bureau interest in the citizens' council in the absence of some showing that the council has potential for violence. Accordingly, it is not recommended that informant be contacted concerning the citizens' council at the present time.

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(3) [redacted] b2 b7D

Informant is [redacted] of the [redacted] He is [redacted] and has lived in [redacted] all of his life. He is a high school graduate and [redacted] and for the past 10 years has been employed as a [redacted] for a [redacted]. He has performed with high efficiency as a Klan informant. b6 b7C

Lowndes Co. Citizens' Council has been active in the Ft. Deposit area and informant has excellent contacts in the citizens' council in that county and has furnished valuable information concerning this group in the past. Some indication has been received in the past of cooperation between the Lowndes Co. Citizens' Council and the Klan to some degree. Accordingly, it is felt that informant can logically be asked to affiliate with the Lowndes Co. Council since he knows that that group has its own potential for violence.

(4) [redacted] b2 b7D

Informant is a member of [redacted] He is [redacted] and is presently attending [redacted] He enjoys a good reputation and appears to be well suited for use on citizens' council assignments; however, there is no active council group at the present time in Opelika, although the Lee Co. Citizens' Council was formerly active there. Inasmuch as no council group is presently reported active in Opelika, no contact with informant is recommended at this time concerning council matters. b6 b7C

(5) [redacted] b2 b7D

Informant is [redacted] He is [redacted] He has [redacted] and [redacted] He is [redacted] and has a good background. No contact with informant is recommended at this time concerning citizens' council matters inasmuch as no council has been reported in Dale Co., in which Ozark is located. It is pointed out that citizens' councils have been active in two adjoining counties; namely, the Houston County CC, Dothan, and the Henry County CC at Headland, Ala. In the event either of these 2 county councils becomes active again informant will be considered for possible membership in coverage of such councils. b6 b7C

(6) [redacted] b2 b7D

Informant is a member of the [redacted] He is [redacted] a high school graduate and [redacted] He is presently [redacted] having been previously employed as a [redacted] and [redacted] He is [redacted] and enjoys a good reputation. b6 b7C

Informant appears to be suitable for use as an informant in citizens' council, but is not recommended for contact at this time as the CC in Hale County, in which Greensboro is located, is not reported as active.

(7) [redacted] b2 b7D

Informant is a member of the [redacted], having joined this group on [redacted]. Information is being forwarded to the Bureau under separate cover designating this individual as a Security Informant. Informant resides in Montgomery, Ala., where he is [redacted] is [redacted] and is [redacted]. b6 b7C

The citizens' council group with which he could normally be expected to affiliate is the Montgomery Co. CC in Montgomery. Informant is not a refined type of person, but is well suited to associate with the rough element in the Klan. He believes in segregation, but would probably join a citizens' council group if asked to do so. It is felt, however, that he would be out of place in any group comprised of higher type individuals and would not fit in well with a citizens' council group. Accordingly, it is not recommended that he be contacted in connection with this matter.

(8) PSI [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] resides in [redacted] and has volunteered to join the Association of Ala. Knights of the KKK at Fairhope and has furnished some information concerning this group. He is [redacted]. He has a high school education and is [redacted]. He is employed as a [redacted] in [redacted]. b6 b7C

The Fairhope Citizens' Council was formerly active, but is not known to be active at the present time. Contact with this PSI to date has been somewhat limited, but there appears to be no objection to contact with him under this program in the event the Fairhope CC becomes active again in the future. In view of this inactivity no contact with PSI is recommended at present. b6 b7C b7D

(9) PSI [redacted]

Informant resides in [redacted] where he has agreed to take steps to join [redacted]. He is [redacted]. He has a high school education and has been employed [redacted]. He also serves as [redacted]. b6 b7C

The Chilton County CC has been active at Clanton. [redacted] has expressed himself as being opposed to the CC, but is known to be a close friend of State Representative FRANCIS SPEAKS, a member of the Citizens' Council. [redacted] cooperation with the Bureau in Klan matters is based on his understanding of the violent potential of Klan groups. At this relatively early stage of his development it is deemed unwise to complicate the matter with a request for him to join the citizens' council as well as the Klan, and accordingly, no contact with him is recommended at present. After he is well established in the Klan the additional assignment may be discussed with him.

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(10) PSI [redacted]

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[redacted] resides in [redacted] and has volunteered to join the U.S. Klans in an informant capacity. Efforts are being made to arrange his schedule in order that he can join the U.S. Klans at Montgomery. [redacted] is [redacted] of age, [redacted] is [redacted] and [redacted]. He is employed by the [redacted]. He formerly lived in [redacted] Chilton County Citizens' Council. It is not known whether he intends to affiliate with the Montgomery Co. CC now that he lives in [redacted].

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[redacted] appears to believe in the work the citizens' councils are doing and accordingly, it is not felt that he should be asked to furnish information concerning the councils. He has agreed to cooperate with the Bureau in furnishing information on the Klan because of the unlawful and violent nature of Klan groups.

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(11) PSI [redacted]

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[redacted] resides in [redacted], where he has volunteered to join the Gulf KKK. He is [redacted], [redacted] and the [redacted]. He has a [redacted] and has been employed as a [redacted] and [redacted]. [redacted] has advised that he is opposed to any violent activity in efforts to maintain segregation, but has stated his belief in segregation and lawful work in that direction. He appears willing to join the Klan because of the Klan's violent nature. It is not felt he would react favorably to any request to join the citizens' council unless there was a showing that the CC was engaged in some act of violence. The South Alabama CC has been active in the Mobile area, but has not met for the past few months.

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In addition indication has been received from PSI that he may move permanently from the State of Ala. No contact with him concerning citizens' council membership is recommended.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-34237-61) DATE: 6/13/58

FROM : SAC, Mobile (105-121)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
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ReBulet to Mobile 5/13/58..

RE: [redacted] Lowndes County (Ala.) Citizens' Council. b2 b7D

[redacted] was contacted 6/5/58 and was advised concerning the nature of the Bureau's interest in certain activities of the Lowndes County (Ala.) Citizens' Council. He readily agreed that the Bureau needs to keep an eye on this group, and said that he would be glad to become a member of this council at the earliest possible date. He pointed out that he has a very crowded schedule, it being that he is handling several sets of books in addition to his regular bookkeeping job at the Fort Deposit Motor Co., and attending weekly meetings of Klavern 32, U. S. Klans. Also, he has become deeply involved in politics in Lowndes County, with a view to being on the inside and in a position to develop and report to the Bureau information concerning any connections between the up-coming [redacted] State administration and the U. S. Klans, KKKK, Inc., Realm of Alabama. It is nevertheless believed that [redacted] will get, and will furnish to the Bureau, any pertinent information concerning the Lowndes County Citizens' Council. b6 b7C b2 b7D

RE: PSI [redacted] Montgomery County (Ala.) Citizens' Council. b6 b7C b7D

The opening of a new PSI in Montgomery, Ala. who is willing to join the Montgomery County (Ala.) Citizens' Council at any time, and to furnish information concerning that group and who may be willing to join the U. S. Klans, KKKK, Inc., Realm of Alabama, at Montgomery, in the future if he is needed, makes it unnecessary to further consider requesting PSI [redacted] to join either group. The file on [redacted] is being closed in the immediate future because, although he has been willing to join the Klan at Montgomery, his schedule, requiring him to be out of the city on meeting nights, makes it impossible for him to get into the group.

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The new PSI is [redacted] A separate letter is being dictated immediately to request background investigation concerning him prior to requesting Bureau authority to develop him as a PSI. [redacted] is from [redacted] and has a moderate attitude on racial matters, and is opposed to the prosegregation extremists both in the Citizens' Councils and in the Klan. A salesman by trade, he is alert and intelligent and is a strong admirer of the Bureau. b6 b7C b7D

Under this caption, as well as the new [redacted] file, the Bureau will be advised of [redacted] progress, and all data furnished by him and [redacted] will be regularly furnished to the Bureau. b6 b7C b7D

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 2/24/59

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (105-269)

CITIZENS COUNCILS

SUBJECT: ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS
COUNCILS OF AMERICA
RACIAL MATTERS

Enclosed herewith as a matter of interest to the Bureau are 2 copies of a clipping from page one of the 2/1/59 issue of the Montgomery Advertiser, daily newspaper published at Montgomery, Ala., captioned "Segregation Bloc Hears Pleas For Dixie Unity".

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FOR '60 DEMO RALLY

Segregation Bloc Hears Pleas For Dixie Unity

By BOB INGRAM

Segregation leaders from 11 Southern states met here Saturday where they listened sympathetically to a chorus of pleas for Dixie unity at the Democratic National Convention in 1960.

It was no "third party" talk that the more than 100 delegates heard. Instead, they were challenged to support a move calling for the election of independent presidential electors in 1960 who as a bloc might control the balance of power in electing the next President.

The conference at the Whitley Hotel attracted representatives from Citizens' Councils throughout the South as well as leaders in related movements—the Committee of the 48 States and the Council of States Rights.

Presiding at the session was Robert Patterson, executive secretary of the Mississippi Citizens' Councils, assisted by State Sen. Walter C. Givhan of Safford, head of the Council movement in Alabama.

CONFERENCE PURPOSE

Patterson emphasized that no official action was taken by the group, insisting it was merely a "get acquainted" gathering.

"The purpose of the conference was to establish liaison between citizens, organizations and officials of the several Southern states towards the unity which will be necessary to maintain our right of self government," Patterson explained.

Despite the lack of any official vote, it was apparent the delegates were ready and willing to give their enthusiastic support to the proposed election of independent electors.

An intensive campaign in this direction is expected to be initiated shortly on a Southwide basis.

The election of independent and uninstructed electors in the 11 states represented at Saturday's meeting would constitute 117 electoral votes—a potent bargaining tool for use at the party convention or in the electoral college.

In the event no candidate can

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THE MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER
Montgomery, Alabama
February 1, 1959

RE: ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS COUNCILS OF AMERICA RACIAL MATTERS

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receive a majority of the electoral votes—268 of the 534 members

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—the election of a President would be settled in the U.S. House of Representatives, with each state entitled to one vote.

This was the avowed aim of two of the speakers on Saturday's program—Vice. Adm. (USN-ret.) Harold M. Martin, commander of the Seventh Fleet in Korea, and H. Coleman Long of Uniontown, a member of the Alabama Democratic Executive Committee.

Adm. Martin, now residing in Memphis, Tenn., attended the conference as a representative of the Committee of the 48 States, an organization seeking the preservation of states rights through electoral college reform.

"An organized South with independent electors can be the determining factor in a presidential election," Martin declared. "And the greatest advantage of this plan is that it is so simple, so practical and so constitutional."

CAPITOL VISITS

Martin said within the next few weeks he planned to visit the capitols of most Southern states to meet with governors and legislators.

Long, an outspoken States' Rights member of the state committee, called for the election of uninstructed electors plus a pre-convention caucus of the Southern states.

"At that caucus we should select our candidates for President and Vice President who we will support at the Democratic convention," Long declared. "And we must begin organizing our slate of convention delegate candidates and elector candidates right now, and we must make sure of the men we support."

"If the South goes to the convention organized and solidified we cannot and will not be ignored," Long added.

QUALIFICATION LAWS

Earlier in the morning program State Sen. Willie Ranach of Louisiana discussed the voter qualification laws of his state.

"The fight to preserve states rights and segregation has moved out of the courts into the political arena," Ranach declared. "And in a political fight the weapons of ~~war are~~ the ballots."

"The one thing we must have in this fight if we are to win is power, and the power I refer to is that of the ballot box," he continued. "We can't lose with it, we can't win without it."

Earlier on the program the delegates also heard brief remarks from Bill Simmons, editor of the official publication of the Citizens' Councils of America; former State Sen. J. Bruce Henderson of Millers Ferry; Chairman Bidwell Adam of the Mississippi State Democratic Executive Committee, and Roy Harris of Augusta, Ga., chairman of the Citizens' Councils of America.

At a pre-conference meeting Friday night the main speaker was Atty. Gen. Eugene Cook of Georgia. Cook was present Saturday but did not speak.

ENGELHARDT MISSING

Also in attendance were several members of the Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama Legislatures plus at least seven members of the Alabama Democratic Executive Committee—Sen. Glynhan Long, Col. Alston Keith, Mike Bagwell, Earl Rogers, John Golden and Hubert Garner.

Noticeable by his absence was the former head of the Council movement in Alabama, Highway Director Sam Engelhardt. By coincidence, the seven committee members present had opposed Engelhardt's election as chairman of the party group in Alabama.

States represented at the meeting were Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, Louisiana, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Arkansas and Texas.

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'No information from whites'—

Federal commission blasted by Patterson

BY TRUDY CARGILE
News staff writer

SELMA, Ala., Oct. 2—A member of the federal Civil Rights Commission "got no information out of the white people" he questioned while in Montgomery recently.

So Atty. Gen. John Patterson, Democratic nominee for governor, told an audience of 1500 during an address last night at a meeting of the Dallas County White Citizens Council.

"AS FAR AS I know, he got no information out of the white people. The last I heard, he left for Macon. I don't know whether he got any information out of the white people over there or not," he said.

Then spotting a Macon Countian in the audience, added, "I see Sen. Sam Englehardt smiling."

Englehardt, for a long time chairman of the state Citizen's Council body, was one of some two dozen state lawmakers in the crowd at Memorial Stadium.

Patterson blasted the Civil Rights Commission as a "Gestapo" of the federal government whose job it is to "peep over the shoulders" of registrars, in a frontal attack against local government and state rights in an effort to get votes for the Republican party in the South.

Patterson urged the white people of Alabama go to the polls in overwhelming numbers to offset recent moves by the NAACP to register all eligible Negroes.

Patterson pointed out that the NAACP has concentrated more on registration recently than on its earlier tactics of litigation. This they are doing with the help of the federal government and the Civil Rights Commission, he said.

The Democratic governor-nominee expressed concern over the large number of white persons in the state who are not registered voters.

"We've got to turn out and show the Republicans how we feel about their sending troops to Little Rock. We've got to stick together and back public officials to the man all the way," he declared.

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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: November 23, 1962

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS — Mobile
RACIAL MATTERS

Instructions were issued on November 20, 1962, to various offices to furnish information concerning the present activities of Citizens Councils in their territories. The offices are to identify leaders of the councils and indicate whether there is any potential for violence.

In this regard it is interesting to note that the "States Rights Advocate," official publication of the Montgomery Citizens Council, Montgomery, Alabama, in its issues for September and October, 1962, contains an editorial by Carl Herbert Lancaster, Jr., Chairman of the Council. Lancaster mentions the possible desegregation of the University of Alabama and sets forth the statement of Governor George Wallace that the Governor will personally stand in the schoolhouse door to prevent Negroes from going to Alabama schools. The article sets forth, "The question is whether the Kennedy's will dare to invade another Southern state and resort to brutality again."

The article also states, "Every white person in Alabama who believes in segregation should make up his mind to do what is required to support George Wallace in this conflict. We do not know what Wallace has in mind, but we must let him know that we support him, and will go to Tuscaloosa in great numbers and stand beside him if he wishes."

The University of Alabama is at Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

The back page of the "States Rights Advocate" contains the following pledge:

"I will stand in the school house door with Gov. Wallace when Kennedy invades Alabama. Signed ... Address ..."

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
RE: CITIZENS COUNCILS
RACIAL MATTERS

"The time may soon come when Alabamians who have claimed, through the years, to be segregationists, will have a chance to "put up or shut up." Let's show our Governor that we, like the ladies of New Orleans, can practice "passive resistance" and other resistance in regard to school integration.

"If you are ready to "stand up and be counted" please sign and mail to your Montgomery Citizens Council, P.O. Box 7066, Montgomery.

"We will present them to Gov. Wallace."

ACTION:

A copy of the newspaper is being furnished to the Department for information.

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237) DATE: 12/10/62

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (105-121)(C)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
RACIAL MATTERS

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Re Bureau airtel 11/20/62.

Mobile file 105-121 is a file on Citizens' Councils of Alabama, a state-wide organization, BuFile 105-33955. ALA.

The Mobile file reflects that in July, 1958 the state headquarters was moved from Montgomery, Alabama, to Selma, Alabama, with State Senator WALTER C. GIVHAN, of Safford, Dallas County, Alabama, as Chairman of the state group. "The Mobile Register", daily newspaper published at Mobile, Alabama, issue of March 2, 1961, reported that Senator GIVHAN was re-elected Chairman of the state group with [redacted] of Birmingham and Tuscaloosa, State [redacted] and [redacted] Selma, Alabama, [redacted] "The States Rights Advocate", which is published by the Montgomery County Citizens Council, reported in its September - October, 1962 issue that [redacted] a lumberman from Centreville, Alabama (Birmingham Division), was named to replace Senator GIVHAN as State Chairman of the Citizens Council of Alabama. No mention was made as to whether or not the state headquarters would be moved from Selma to Centreville, and no mention was made of any change in the other state officers.

The Mobile Office formerly had pending files on each of the different county citizens councils. A review has been made of these files, and information reflects current activity on the part of only three county citizens councils, namely Montgomery County, Dallas County, and Elmore County. Information desired by the Bureau is set forth concerning each of these county councils.

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OFFICERS

The letterhead of the Montgomery County Citizens Council, as made available on December 6, 1962, by [redacted] set forth the officers of the organization. The four principal officers are set forth below with available data concerning each set forth after his name:

1. [redacted] - He was born [redacted] at [redacted] is [redacted] and is [redacted] at Montgomery, Alabama. He has a [redacted] and served in the [redacted] N.Y.

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2. [redacted] - No information is available concerning [redacted] and he is not identified through public source records. ALA.

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3. [redacted] - The Montgomery City Directory reflects [redacted] resides at [redacted] and is [redacted] of the [redacted] He is [redacted] ALA.

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4. [redacted] The Montgomery City Directory reflects [redacted] resides at [redacted] and his employment is listed as [redacted]. ALA.

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[redacted] advised on 12/6/62 that the membership of this Montgomery County Citizens Council is small at present, but no approximate figure is available. Coverage of this group is furnished through [redacted] and [redacted] who are klan members but acquainted with a number of persons in the citizens council. Assistant Chief of Police [redacted] (NA), Montgomery Police Department, has also furnished information concerning this group and advised that this council is a nonviolent organization which strictly limits its activity to action on

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behalf of segregation of the races through lawful and nonviolent means. Lt. [redacted] (NA), Investigator, State Department of Public Safety, has furnished a similar report on this group. b6 b7C

[redacted] Assistant Chief [redacted] and Lt. [redacted] have all advised in the past that the Montgomery County Citizens Council has not indicated any potential for violence and that there is no infiltration of this group by klansmen. b2 b7D b6 b7C

Elmore County Citizens Council
MO 105-223
BuFile 105-50584 ALA.

MEMBER [redacted] reported on 10/15/62 on a meeting of the Elmore County Citizens Council, Wetumpka, Ala., 10/10/62 which was a public meeting with about 60 to 65 persons present. The meeting was devoted to a talk by retired Admiral JOHN CROMMELIN, of Wetumpka, Ala., who gave a "first-hand" account of the racial situation at Oxford, Miss. b2 b7D

Admiral CROMMELIN has in the past distributed literature of an anti-Semitic nature, the literature supposedly being distributed by the Elmore County Citizens Council.

[redacted] who is acquainted with Admiral CROMMELIN, and [redacted], a resident of Elmore County, have both recently advised there is no actual organization known as the Elmore County Citizens Council. They advised that CROMMELIN uses this name as a basis for distributing anti-Semitic literature through the mail. According to these informants, there are no other members or officers of this group. b2 b7D

An article in "The Mobile Register", daily newspaper published at Mobile, Ala., issue of May 11, 1961, reported State Senator WALTER C. GIVHAN, who was then

Chairman of the Alabama Citizens Council, had said that the Elmore County Citizens Council was not affiliated with the Alabama Citizens Council as his group is in no way anti-Semitic.

Dallas County Citizens Council
MO 105-222
BuFile 105-50583

The Dallas County Citizens Council, with headquarters at Selma, Ala., holds one or two public meetings a year. [redacted] and [redacted] are members of this organization and furnish information concerning it periodically. In addition, information is furnished by [redacted] a businessman at Selma who is a member, and Probate Judge BERNARD A. REYNOLDS, who is active in the formation of this group. These sources have reported that the estimated membership of the group is about 1,000, although there would be less than 100 who are considered as active members. These sources furnished the following officers of the Dallas County Citizens Council:

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1. [redacted] - He resides at [redacted] is a [redacted] is in his [redacted] and is a graduate of [redacted]

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2. [redacted] - He is a [redacted] and resides at [redacted]

3. [redacted] - He is in his [redacted] resides [redacted] and is employed as [redacted] of the City Parks Department.

4. [redacted] - He is a [redacted] and [redacted]

5. [redacted] - He resides on [redacted] and is [redacted] of Bush Hog Manufacturing Company, Selma.

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OFFICERS OF DALLAS COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL

6. [redacted] He is in his late [redacted] resides [redacted], and is a [redacted] and [redacted].

7. [redacted] He resides at [redacted] and [redacted] ALA.

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8. [redacted] He resides at [redacted] and is employed as [redacted]. ALA.

9. [redacted] He resides at [redacted] is in his late [redacted] and is employed as a [redacted] ALA.

Ex officio officers of the Dallas County Citizens Council are:

1. WALTER C. GIVHAN, State Senator and farmer, who resides at Safford, Ala., and is past Chairman of the state organization.

2. [redacted] past Chairman of the Dallas County Citizens Council, resides at [redacted] and is [redacted] of the Bush Hog Manufacturing Company.

3. [redacted] past Chairman of the Dallas County Citizens Council, is a former state organization executive officer. He resides at [redacted] and is an attorney.

The above named sources have advised that the Dallas County Citizens Council is opposed to any violence whatsoever and is dedicated to preservation of the segregation of races through lawful and legal means. They advised there does not appear to be any potential for violence in this group as all of the officers and the general membership are regarded as reputable men. There has been no klan infiltration of this council reported.

Any information which may be received in the future concerning this matter will be called to the attention of the Bureau.

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FBI

Date: 10/2/63

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Mobile (105-2113)(P)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
RM

Transmitted to the Bureau are eight copies of letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination. Birmingham is being furnished one copy of the letterhead memorandum.

Local military intelligence offices advised.

The confidential source in letterhead memo is [redacted] [redacted] Baldwin County Credit Bureau, Foley, Ala., who desired his identity be protected.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Mobile, Alabama
October 2, 1963

CITIZENS COUNCIL
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

[redacted] advised on October 2, 1963 that a meeting was held at the football stadium on October 1, 1963 in Robertsdale, Alabama for the purpose of organizing the Citizens Council of Baldwin County. The purpose of this organization is to get all white people in Baldwin County to register to vote and to vote.

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] of the Citizens Council of Birmingham, Alabama was the introductory speaker and ARTHUR J. HAYNES, ex-mayor of Birmingham, was the main speaker, and that HAYNES told of the purposes of having this organization and its assistance in segregation. [redacted] stated that approximately 100 persons were in attendance at the meeting.

[redacted] who is associated with the Riveria Utility Company of Foley, Alabama, was selected as a temporary chairman for organizing the Citizens Council.

A confidential source advised that [redacted] a Foley, Alabama businessman, had been seeking members and soliciting money and had stated that Governor GEORGE WALLACE desired this group be formed in Baldwin County.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 11/5/63

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (157-409)

SUBJECT: MOBILE COUNTY CITIZENS' COUNCIL
RACIAL MATTERS

MOBILE COUNTY WHITE
CITIZENS' COUNCIL, INC.
RACIAL MATTERS

Information from established sources and news articles has been furnished to the Bureau concerning the Mobile County Citizens' Council which was originally formed in Mobile during August of 1963. The chairman of the group had been [redacted] and the group was headquartered at 156 Tuttle Avenue in Mobile.

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One faction of this organization headed by [redacted] favored action such as picketing stores which were considered favoring integration. The other faction of the group headed by Attorney [redacted] favored a more conservative approach such as holding public meetings and distributing literature and conducting no picketing activity.

On 10/17/63 Captain [redacted] Intelligence Unit, Mobile Police Department, advised that a few days before there had been a split in this group and two separate organizations resulted. The Mobile County Citizens' Council is headed by [redacted] and is now headquartered in [redacted] business office at 2918 Springhill Avenue, Mobile. The newly formed group is the Mobile County White Citizens' Council and this group is headed by [redacted] and has its headquarters in Prichard, Ala., where its address is P. O. Box 10664 as listed in newspaper advertisements.

On 10/17/63 the issue of the Mobile Press, a daily newspaper published at Mobile, Ala., reported that the Mobile County White Citizens' Council, Inc. had filed incorporation papers on 10/14/63 at Mobile.

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This letter is to inform the Bureau of the fact that two separate and distinct organizations exist and that Mobile is opening separate files on the two groups. Active investigation is not being conducted concerning either group, but Mobile will continue to collect information concerning both groups from established sources and news sources. Pertinent information received concerning the organizations will be submitted to the Bureau in letterhead memorandum form.

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Date: 11/7/63

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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Citizens Councils - Mobile

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-462)(P)

RE: MOBILE COUNTY WHITE CITIZENS' COUNCIL, INC. (MCWCC)
RACIAL MATTERS
(OO: MOBILE)

Reference is made to Mobile airtel to the Bureau dated 11/5/63.

Enclosed herewith are 8 copies of letterhead memorandum reflecting information concerning the formation of this group and information concerning the arrest of six members of the group on 11/5/63 for picketing without a permit.

This memorandum is being disseminated locally to intelligence agencies.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Mobile, Alabama
November 7, 1963

MOBILE COUNTY WHITE CITIZENS' COUNCIL, INC. (MCWCC)
RACIAL MATTERS

Mobile, Ala.

Information was set forth in previous letterhead memoranda concerning the Mobile County Citizens' Council (MCCC), which was organized in Mobile, Alabama in August, 1963.

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On October 17, 1963, Captain [redacted] Intelligence Unit, Mobile Police Department, Mobile, Alabama, advised that a few days before there was a split in the MCCC, and two separate organizations resulted. The MCCC now has headquarters at 2918 Springhill Avenue, Mobile, Alabama, and is headed by [redacted] an [redacted] and [redacted]. The newly formed group is the MCWCC, and is headed by [redacted] who had [redacted] MCCC. This new group has its headquarters in Prichard, Alabama, Post Office Box 10664. The October 17, 1963 issue of The Mobile Press, a daily newspaper published at Mobile, Alabama, reported that the MCWCC, Inc., a non-profit organization, filed incorporation papers that date in Mobile Probate Court. The purpose of the organization was listed as follows: To promote harmonious and peaceful relationship among the citizens of Mobile County and its environs; to promote good government; to peaceably assemble to petition the government for redress of grievances; to encourage people to exercise the right to peaceably assemble to petition the government for redress of grievances, and to improve the physical, mental and moral conditions of mankind. This article listed the officers of this group as follows: [redacted] and [redacted]

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

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RACIAL MATTERS

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

Twelve directors of the group were named, including [redacted] and [redacted]. The other nine directors were named as follows: [redacted]

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On October 30, 1963, Captain [redacted] advised that the MCWCC had been picketing several stores in Mobile, Alabama, the managements of which were believed to favor integration of the races, including Delchamps Grocery Store, Walgreen Drug Store, and F. W. Woolworth Company. He advised that on October 29, 1963, the Mobile City Commission passed an ordinance prohibiting the carrying of signs or placards on the streets or sidewalks of Mobile without a permit from the police department. On November 5, 1963, it was observed that pickets of the MCWCC were at the S. H. Kress Store in Mobile, Alabama carrying signs reflecting that people would be helping integration if they traded at S. H. Kress Store. The pickets were observed at the Dauphin Street Entrance and the Royal Street Entrance.

The November 5, 1963 issue of The Mobile Press reported that captioned group would challenge the constitutionality of the city ordinance regarding picketing, according to an announcement by [redacted] for the organization. The article reported that six pickets were taken to the Mobile Police Department on November 5, 1963.

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Chief Of Police JAMES ROBINSON, Mobile Police Department, advised on November 5, 1963 [redacted] contacted him on the morning of November 5, 1963 to see if persons who applied for a permit to picket would have to be fingerprinted and photographed. ROBINSON told him that they would, as this action is taken as a matter of police department policy. [redacted] and his group refused to apply for a permit, as they would not agree to be photographed and fingerprinted. They informed Chief ROBINSON that they would picket the S. H. Kress Store that morning.

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Later that morning, the Mobile City Attorney advised Chief ROBINSON that the department policy of photographing and fingerprinting applicants for permits to pickets would not stand up in court. Accordingly, ROBINSON sent officers to S. H. Kress Store, and seven pickets, including [redacted] were brought to the Mobile Police Department, where ROBINSON explained to them that they could get a permit to picket without being photographed and fingerprinted. The attorney for the group, [redacted] instructed them not to apply for a permit, as they desired to challenge the validity of the ordinance. The group, thereupon, went back to S. H. Kress Store and resumed picketing, and they were promptly arrested by Lieutenant [redacted] Only six of the pickets were arrested, as [redacted] was not actually picketing at the time Lieutenant [redacted] observed them.

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Chief ROBINSON advised that the six persons who were arrested were placed on the police docket at 11:50 A.M., November 5, 1963, on the charge of violating City Ordinance 99-196, Picketing Without A Permit. They were allowed to sign their own appearance bonds, and they were released shortly after being booked. Hearings on the cases were set for City Court at 8:00 A.M., Friday, November 8, 1963.

Chief ROBINSON advised that the six persons arrested and docketed are as follows:

(1) [redacted] White Male, born [redacted] residence [redacted]
5' 7", 155 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes, ruddy complexion, medium build, tattoo of cross and hand on left arm.

(2) [redacted] White Male, born [redacted] residence [redacted]
150 pounds, blonde hair, blue eyes, fair complexion, slender build, 2 - 6" scars on right forearm, 4" scar at left eye, 2" scar on left side of stomach.

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(3) [redacted] White Male, born [redacted] residence [redacted] 5' 11", 144 pounds, blonde hair, blue eyes, slender build, medium complexion, tattoo "I love R.N." on right arm.

(4) [redacted] White Male, born [redacted] residence [redacted] 5' 11", 165 pounds, brown eyes, light brown hair.

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(5) [redacted] White Female, born [redacted] residence [redacted] 5' 6", 110 pounds, blonde hair, blue eyes, fair complexion, medium build, 1" scar on throat, occupation housewife. (She is the wife of [redacted] mentioned above.)

(6) [redacted] White Female, born [redacted] Mobile, Alabama, residence [redacted] 5' 7", 157 pounds, dark brown hair, medium complexion, medium build, occupation housewife.

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